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Views On
Dental Health

STAINING YOUR PEARLY WHITES

If you're a java junkie, you'll have to watch your dental hygiene. Heavy coffee or tea drinkers, especially those who consume the instant varieties, can end up with stained teeth. If you're going to drink these beverages, your oral hygiene needs to be as close to perfect as possible. That means regular cleaning in the dental office, plus flossing and brushing.

Tobacco is near the top of the list of offenders when it comes to staining teeth. The tar is sticky and adheres to the teeth, discoloring them and attracting other staining substances. Smokers need more frequent professional cleanings to keep ahead of the "stain game".

Probably the worst staining culprit is the once-widespread use of the antibiotic tetracycline. Tetracycline-stained teeth are just as strong as white ones, but their off-white color can cause embarrassment that leads to self-image problems. Today, dentists have cosmetic solutions for virtually every type of stain problem, but the best tack is prevention.

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LCRA OPEN HOUSE

Meeting Our Future Water Needs

Thursday, March 12

7 to 9 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Center

1349 Walnut Avenue, Columbus

As our region continues to grow, how will we meet increasing demands on a limited water supply? Come learn more about some of the possibilities for stretching our limited water resources at this informal open house.

LCRA staff will host exhibits on such options as conservation programs, groundwater development, and channel dams. There also will be exhibits on recreational and environmental issues.

You can learn more about how LCRA's pending acquisition of the Garwood Irrigation Company benefits the region's water supply. You can ask LCRA staff questions or express any concerns.

We hope to see you there!



Council backs Appraisal District, sees preliminary budget

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

The Eagle Lake City Council adopted a resolution supporting the construction of a new office facility for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District at its Feb. 24 meeting.

Chief Appraiser Billy Youens had received support of Council several months ago to construct an office facility at a cost of \$370,000. After the facility was designed and the bids were submitted, all the prices exceeded the approved \$370,000.

The new resolution asked for approval in support of the new office

project at an estimated cost of \$418,350.

The CAD is required to gain support from six of the seven governing entities it serves. The building is to be constructed at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 90 and FM 806 in Columbus.

Youens cited necessary site work as the main reason for the higher project cost. When price of the land is included, the total project cost will be \$444,550.

Columbus City Council and Colorado County Commissioners' Court also voted to support the CAD's resolution last week.

The CAD office has been operat-

ing in the Colorado County Courthouse since 1982, but due to the lack of space, was asked by the County in 1996 to relocate. The CAD was given a 1998 fall moving date.

Youens is projecting the building can be completed by this fall if all events leading up to the construction occur in a timely sequence.

Council also extended the city's current collection contract with the CAD for one year.

A request of waiver of the City's electrical ordinance to require main disconnect switches be located outside of a building was granted. The request was made by the contractor of

the Colorado County juvenile boot camp facility.

The Electric Board, consisting of Glen Lockier, J.W. Shavers, Earl Braden Jr., Denis Hentzell and Manuel Gutierrez met Feb. 16 and voted to recommend denial of the waiver.

City Manager Ron Holland told Council that after the board meeting, along with County Judge Vince Slosinski, Commissioner Leon "Sonny" Spaniel, City Public Works Supervisor Buster Biesel, Public Works employee Leo Cordova, members of Eagle Lake Fire and Police departments and himself actually visited the site of the juvenile facility on Feb. 23; the electrical board changed its recommendation to Council.

Holland was instructed to draft an amendment to the ordinance that will be presented at the March 10 meeting.

Council adopted a resolution requested by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) supporting the closing of 100, 200 and 300 blocks of E. Main for the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival from 3 p.m. March 27 to 5 p.m. March 28.

Following the resolution's adoption, Council approved an agreement for the temporary closure of the state right of way. TxDOT requires the agreement when a state right of way is to be closed for more than four hours.

Holland distributed copies of the City's new proposed budget which will be an item for discussion at the March 10 meeting.

A public hearing and budget adoption will be at the March 24 meeting.

The City's budget begins April 1.

The proposed budget, with the park grant built in, totals \$3,996 million.

Holland told Council that the new budget is projecting a tax cut of approximately 1-1/2%, a fact that will be determined when CAD figures are released this summer.

The 1998-99 budget was prepared on a 63-1/2¢ per \$1.00 valuation tax rate. The present City tax rate is 65.1114¢ per \$1.00 valuation.

The 1998-99 budget includes a new utility billing system, pressure washer system, two pickups and one additional employee for the Public Works Department, car for the Administrative Department, mosquito fogger, new police officer through a COPS Grant, animal control employee, lease/purchase of a tractor and mower, purchase of a Grade-all from state surplus for ditch digging, personnel for the swimming pool and a position for an employee to maintain the Community Center.

The City will acquire ownership of the Community Center through the City park grant.

In other business, Council:

- Approved a request by the Eagle Lake Lions Club to hold its annual mop and broom sale in front of the municipal building today (Thursday);
- Authorized boundary survey work to begin on properties needed for the municipal park;

- Separated the sewer plant property plus two or three additional acres for possible expansion, away from the tract already owned by the City so that it will not be included in the park properties;

- Terminated an agreement and release from a Texas Capital Fund Grant contract for Dunham Environmental since the company is not ready to proceed with the medical waste facility for which the grant was received;

- Authorized Mayor Michael Cooper to sign a contract with Demehl Construction for the street project; and

- Declared two structures on S. Lake Street, a structure at First and D Street and a structure at 518 E. Davitt to be in violation of the City's Dangerous, Dilapidated and/or Substandard Building Ordinance.

HONOR ROLLS

Fourth Six--Weeks, 1997-98

SHERIDAN SCHOOL

1st grade: Wesly Arrison, Samantha Barker, Shelby Bourne, John Buegeler, Anna Delgado, Anthony Lamb, Allyson Mathys, Tiffany Mraz, Garrett Neubauer, Courtney Ross, Elda Vasquez.

2nd: Courtney Andrejczak, Kaci Kazmir, Alyssa Roark.

3rd: Amber Buegeler, Megan Hinze, Courtney Sklar, Kim Varley.

4th: Jeremy Hill, Chelsea Ray, Ashley Ticken.

5th: Julie Houser, Quindora Jones, Clifton Kazmir, Tyler Kloss, Stuart Ray, Tiffany Varley.

6th: Zachary Kloss, Marshall Peterson, Dustin Schlauch.

7th: Krystal Buegeler, Jacqui Mahalic, Travis Pittman, Andrew Varley.

8th: Kim Denley, Amanda Labay.

Smart Awards

K: Colton Besch, Kevin Ellis, Margaret Fuller, Mary Gundelach, Jessica Hill, Kody Miller, Rachel Moore, Cody Munoz, Adrian Rangel, Wade Roark, Spence Spencer, James Sheridan.

1st: Wesly Arrison, Samantha Barker, Shelby Bourne, John Buegeler, Anna Delgado, Anthony Lamb, Allyson Mathys, Tiffany Mraz, Garrett Neubauer, Courtney Ross, Jason Williams, Elda Vasquez.

2nd: Courtney Andrejczak, Nayeli Diaz, Kaci Kazmir, Alyssa Roark, Melissa Smith, Joaquin Stallworth.

3rd: Amber Buegeler, Megan Hinze, Tawana King, Daniel New, Kayla Robertson, Courtney Sklar, Kim Varley.

4th: Xico Diaz, Jeremy Hill, Buren Kallina, Ryan New, Chelsea Ray, Jacob Spangenberg, Ashley Ticken, Myekia Williams.

5th: Stephanie Botard, Julie Houser, Quindora Jones, Clifton Kazmir, Donovan King, Kore King, Tyler Kloss, Stuart Ray, Joseph Spencer, Tiffany Varley.

6th: Yolanda Cantu, Jonathan Diaz, Arturo Garcia, Allen Greak, Esteyvon King, Zachary Kloss, Steven Moore, Jennifer Munoz, Esequiel Perez, Marshall

Peterson, Dustin Schlauch, Clifton Spangenberg, Tarrah Stern, Kristin Williams.

7th: Vanessa Aguilar, Leila Baggett, Krystal Buegeler, Reggie Ford, Felicia Galvan, Jason Godley, Matthew Hinze, Hannah Kallina, Desi Rae Lowe, Jacqui Mahalic, Patrick Milentz, Travis Pittman, Andrew Varley.

8th: Jakki Alleway, Acey Banks, La-keisha Dawson, Kimberly Denley, Bennie Glover, Shelley Greak, Brennan Jobe, Amanda Labay, Michael Lloyd, Larry Ross, Tiffany Stern.

RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Fresh: Robyn Alleway, Samantha Bluntson, Erica Dunmore, Sarah Gould, Jenna Hoffman, Clifford Keith, Debbie Leopold, Jacob Little, Johana Lopez, Amber Mahalic, Misty Morales, Rhonda Peroni, Christopher Rodriguez, Martha Rodriguez, Stacy Schneider, Lori Smith, Kristin Wesselski, Jose Zuniga.

Soph: Desanie Axel, Brett Boenisch, Stephanie Braden, Tabitha Connor, Chanda Coxwell, Cody Crane, Hank Crane, Ericka Ellenbogen, Amanda Engstrom, Amelia Fearing, Bill Ishee, Nicole Krennek, Chrissy Leopold, Kim Lot, Yaneth Najera, Augustina Ortiz, Jamesangela Phillips, Angela Popp, Sarah Rivera, Cecilia Ruiz, Shanna Waligura, Levi Zuniga.

Jrs.: Brandon Besch, Rebal Canaris, Brian Cardenas, Valerie Galvan, Cori Gertson, Ralph Gertson, Lori Grigar, Brian Janish, Chad Kallina, Amalie Kucherk, Angela Leopold, Amy Moore, Barrett Thomas, Lisa Valigura, Namita Verma, Jeremy Weishuhn.

Srs.: Brezchet Adams, Christy Aldridge, Mary Blount, Jonathan Burrow, Jennifer Hajovsky, Timothy Jasek, Karen Kazmir, Valerie Korenek, Laine Labay, Kelli Mathys, Jennifer Miller, Brianna Moreida, Amy Obenhaus, Petra Sewell, Delana Smith, Stephanie Thompson, Risa Waddell, Erica Wilkerson, Tiffany Wilkerson.

GARWOOD SCHOOL

Semester Honor Roll

1st: Paul Chavira, Jessica Walzer.

2nd: Jessy Besch, Hillary Johnson, Kourtney Korenek, April Pagel, Kacie Smith, Marisol Tapia.

3rd: T.J. Danklefs, Farah Ellenbogen, Ross Lobpries, Jessica Till.

4th: Kristen Danklefs, Audrey Driik,

Katie Hoffman, Bridget Kaiser, Dane Krennek, Cassidy Popp, Danny Shimek, Hunter Smith, Curtis Williams.

5th: Theresa Henry, Kristi Johnson, Robert Woolard Jr.

6th: Jessica Allmond, Adrian Axel, Brandie Bartlett, Ella Shondra Edwards, Sundriah Evans, Reinbeaux Guthrie, Dora Juarez, Jess Little.

7th: Melanie Brown, Aimee Bubela, Melissa Driik, Vanessa Johnson, Amanda Kaiser, Lacey Lehrer, Jesus Ortiz, Jessica Popp, Kenisha Wicks, Leslie Woolard.

8th: Janna Janish, Tiffany Moore, Amanda Henry, Bernardo Vazquez.

Merit Roll

1st: Jessica Cruz, Destiny Frazier, Dillan Gertson, Mary Beth Johnson, Shawanna Pettus, Sarah Saenz, Chaston Shorter.

2nd: Adam Shimek.

3rd: Mark Guthrie.

4th: Jessica Engstrom, Layne Perry.

5th: Michael Juarez, Aaron Labay, Ashley Labay, Alyson Lanier, Guadalupe Saenz.

6th: Mark Hernandez, Dustin Krennek.

7th: Alma Tapia.

8th: Ben Ortiz, Keandra Sanford, Brittany Waligura.

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K: Elijah Stevens, Porchia Morris; K: Audrey Abell, Britani Bartlett, Chad Bittner, La'Markus Bluntson, Jason Cruz, Nicole Driik, Kaydi Gold, Amber Huvar, Rachel Korenek, Kristyna Lobpries, Jordan Mahalic, Kari Mahalic, April Manciaz, Ja'Racus Reggins, Kibrina Robinson, Dillan Sanford, Lauren Shimek, Terrance Shorter, Terris Shorter, Di'Nesha Woods.

1st: Destiny Frazier, Dillan Gertson, Dewey Pettus, Shawanna Pettus, Sarah Saenz, Chaston Shorter, Jessica Woods, Jessica Cruz.

2nd: Travis Jallow, Kourtney Korenek, Adam Shimek, April Pagel, Marisol Tapia.

3rd: Ashley Brown, Valencia Carter, Jasmine Jenkins, Ross Lobpries, Darkeith Pratt, Tony Vasquez.

4th: Kristen Danklefs, Micha Hoelscher, Malcolm Jenkins, Bridget Kaiser, Dane Krennek, Layne Perry, Jaylon Pettus, Cassidy Popp, Danny Shimek, Jonathan (See Honor Rolls, Page 7)



Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

GO SOAK YOUR FEET

Grandma and Grandpa knew best. After a hard day's work, they were likely to sink into an easy chair and plunge their aching feet into a soothing tub of water. Foot-soaking was more common a generation or so ago, and that's too bad, because it can help keep feet healthy - and feel simply fantastic, too. A whirlpool or tub of warm water can be especially helpful for conditions that involve sore joints and muscles, such as arthritis. To submerge feet only, keep water temperature between 93 and 102 degrees. Exercise the feet gently while soaking (curl and uncurl the toes, flex and circle feet) to avoid swelling. Make sure circulation isn't impaired by rolled-up pant legs or resting feet on the edge of the tub.

We firmly believe in helping you help yourself. We'll make recommendations as to how you can help keep your feet healthy and happy. From protecting your feet from hazards of all kinds, to preventive care, to dealing with hereditary concerns, to simple pampering, we'll take the time to answer your questions and explain any procedures. We want you to be as informed about and actively involved in your foot health care as we are. Office hours at Rice Medical Center are on Tuesdays. Call 234-5571.

P.S. Some conditions, such as fresh injuries, should NOT be treated with warm-water soaks. Check with your doctor first.



Your Ears Are the Windows to Your Brain

Dear Neighbor, While we HEAR with our ears, UNDERSTANDING what we hear takes place in our brain. Most hearing impairments begin with the loss of high frequency sounds which are important for SPEECH CLARITY. It becomes difficult for our brain to understand conversation which is not properly heard by our ears.

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